baa not yet started, as the inter-banking arrangements are in the process of being put in place. Exports fiom India to the Republics of the erstwhile Soviet Union including to Russia, however, have continued to flow. In order that the two way trade takes place on a sound footing, the Russian Government have been advised to export items listed in the trade protocol to India so as to generate funds for payment of exports to that coun. try on a continuing basis.

**Decline in exports *to* Russian States**

103. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL; Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that India's export to Russia and other former USSR states has declined;

(b) what items are to be exported to Russian States during the nirrent year; and

(c) what is the financial arrangement vis-a-vis Ruee Rouble rate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. There has been some decline.

(b) The items of export to the Russian Federation during the rmrrent year include agricultural products, chemical and allied products, leather & leather manufacturers, textiles etc.

(c) In so far as to the current trade protocol with Russia and other Republics of the erstwhile USSR are concerned, all contracts are to be denominated in freely convertible international currencies. The Rupee-Rcu-ble rate has no relevance in this regard.

**Frozen telephone exchanges $i_n$ Delhi**

104. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of tele phone exchanges in Delhi which have been frozen and since when each such telephone exchange is lying frozen; and

(b) what steps are being taken by Government to defreeze these exchan ges and by when each of these tele phone exchange is likely to be defro-zen?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) A statement furnishing the required information is attached. (See below).

(b) Steps are being taken $t_0$ defreeze these exchanges during the current financial year progressively subject to availability of material resources particularly exchange equipments

**Statement**

*Details of Frozen Exchanges as on* 31-3-1992

| Name of the Exchange] | Shift provided upto (Date of Shift applied) | Committed Cases cleared upto (date of registration) |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Kidwai Bhawan . . . . . | 1-2-92 | 7-4-92 |
| Jor Bagh . . . . . | 1-1-92 | 7-3-92 |
| Lodi Road . . . . . | 30-6-90 | 30-6-90 |
| Rohini (Sector III) . . . . . | 31-8-89 | 22-11-91 |